

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application at the time of the Final Office Action of April 8, 2004. In that office action, Claims 1-3 and 7-20 were finally rejected. Claims 4-6 were objected to, and the Examiner has indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present response, Claims 4, 5 and 6 have been amended to include all limitations of Claims 1, 2 and 3. Claims 1-3 and 7-20 have been cancelled. New method Claims 21-23 are presented. Reconsideration of Claims 4-6 as amended and new Claims 21-23 is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The amendments to Claims 4-6 places each of Claims 4-6 in independent form including all the limitations of the base Claim 1 and the intervening Claims 2 and 3. Claims 4-6 should therefore be allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

New Claim 21 includes all the limitations of the amended Claim 4, but is in method form. New Claim 22 depends from Claim 21 and adds the limitation of Claim 5. New Claim 23 depends from Claim 21 and adds the limitation of Claim 6. The Applicant submits that since Claims 4-6 are now allowable, the method Claims 21-23 are also allowable.

It is submitted that, upon entry of the present amendment, this application will be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 12-2252, LSI Logic Corporation.

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